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60 YEARS AGO, Unemployment
Insurance (UI) is a unique
federal-state program that
provides temporary financial
assistance to individuals who
are unemployed through
no fault of their own.
Eligibility is based on wages
earned during a specific
period of time.*



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PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY AND STOP UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE IMPOSTER FRAUD

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Special requests for alternate formats need to be made by calling the information numbers listed in this brochure.

*THE EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (EDD)
is committed to maintaining the integrity of the UI Program.
Here are ways you can protect yourself against identity theft
and UI imposter fraud.*

WHAT IS IDENTITY THEFT?

Identity theft occurs when someone uses another person's personal information to take on his or her identity. Identity theft can include wage and employment information, as well as credit card and mail fraud.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I SUSPECT IDENTITY THEFT?

For assistance and information on identity theft and privacy issues, contact the California Office of Privacy Protection by calling their toll-free help line at **1-866-785-9663** or visit their Web site at **www.privacy.ca.gov**.

If you suspect that someone is using your Social Security Number (SSN) for work or some other purpose, immediately report the problem to the Social Security Administration (SSA) by calling **1-800-772-1213**.

The SSA also recommends that you take the following additional action if you think that you may have been the victim of identity theft:

- ▶ If your SSN has been used for unauthorized purchases or to obtain credit, contact the Social Security Fraud Hotline at **1-800-269-0271** or **oig.hotline@ssa.gov** to report the misuse of your SSN.
- ▶ File a report with the local police department where the identity theft took place and keep a copy of the police report as proof of the crime.

WHAT IS AN IMPOSTER CLAIM?

In the case of an imposter claim, someone has intentionally filed a UI claim using another person's personal information, such as name, SSN, and employment information.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I SUSPECT AN IMPOSTER CLAIM?

If you suspect a potential imposter claim, immediately call EDD's toll-free Fraud Hotline at **1-800-229-6297**.

WHAT IS EDD DOING TO PREVENT UI IMPOSTER FRAUD?

IF EDD receives information from an employer that an identity theft has occurred, EDD will flag those identities. When anyone using one of those identities attempts to file for UI benefits, the Department will request additional identifying information from the individual filing the claim. If the true owner of the identity is not the individual filing the claim and you are the true owner, we will contact you. Please assist us and respond to any inquiries from EDD.

IF you are a victim of UI imposter fraud, become unemployed, and file a claim for UI benefits, EDD will also ask for additional identifying information to ensure the validity of your claim. This will help protect the identities of legitimate claim holders.

For more information on UI Fraud, visit the EDD Web site at **www.edd.ca.gov**.